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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 August 2003.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12, 19-24, 26-40, 42-60, 62 and 63 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12, 19-24, 26-40, 42-49, 60 and 62 is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 50-59 and 63 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____.

1. The amendment filed 8/22/2003 has been received and entered by the examiner.
2. Claims 1-12, 19-24, 26-40, 42-60, and 62-63 are presenting for examination.
3. Claims *1-12, 19-24, 26-40, 42-49, 60 and 62 are allowed over the prior art of record.*
4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

5. Claims 50-59 & 63 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Porter (US pat. No. 6,434,599).
6. As to claims 50-56, Porter shows in Fig 1, a method for tracking visitors (on-line users) to a group of virtual places (web pages) via a computer network 108. Porter teaches the limitations of generating event indications (informing a second user that a first user would like to chat with a second user) responsive to access by a first on-line user (visitor) to a first web page (first virtual place) in the first information site in order to chat with a second on-line user (client) who is accessing another web page in a different information site (i.e the second user is not visiting the first web page), and conveying these indications (informing the second user that the first user would like to chat with him) to the second user-on line user (client), see the abstract, lines 13-15, col 2, lines 6-7. Also, see col 1, lines 61-67, col 2, lines 1-5, col 3, lines 20-30, col 4, lines 15-39, lines 51-66, col 6, lines 6-9, lines 23-35.

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7. As to claims 57—59 & 63, the claims are similar in cope to claims 50-56, and they are rejected under the same rationale.

Therefore, it can be seen from paragraphs 6-7 that Porter anticipates claims 50-59, 63.

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Moustafa M Meky whose telephone number is 703-305-9697. The examiner can normally be reached on flex.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ario Etienne can be reached on 703-305-4792. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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